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TAGS: PINT MILI AO

SUBJECT: THE BATTLE OF CARMONA; FNLA APPEARS TO HAVE WON ONE

CINCLANT AND CINCEUR FOR POLAD

1. AMCIT FRELANCE JOURNALIST CARYLE MURPHY WHO HAS JUST  
RETURNED FROM THE BESEIGNED COFFEE REGION CITY OF CARMONA  
REPORTS:

A. FNLA CLEARLY WON AND IS IN CONTROL OF THE CITY EXCEPT  
FOR THE ARMY HQ AND THE HOSPITAL WHERE PORTUGUESE TROOPS ARE  
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SHELTERING 200 WHITES AND BLACKS. FORTY-ONE MPLA SOLDIERS  
SURRENDERED JUNE 3 TO THE PORTUGUESE ARMY WHO AIR-LIFTED THEM

TO SAFETY.

B. FNLA WANT TO IMPRISON THE BLACK ASYLEES WHO IT ACCUSES OF BEING MPLA SYMPATHIZERS AND THE PORTUGUESE ARMY UNITS FEAR THEY'LL BE ATTACKED. ALTHOUGH THE PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS APPEAR FIRM IN THEIR DESIRE TO PROTECT THE ASYLEES AND PREVENT A BLOODBATH, THEY ARE ALMOST OUT OF FOOD AND LOW ON AMMUNITION.

C. A UNITA DELEGATION WAS HIT BY A MORTAR IN THE INITIAL MOMENTS OF THE FIRST DAY'S FIGHTING. UNITA CLAIMS IT WAS AN MPLA MORTAR. THE LOCAL UNITA LEADER TOLD MURPHY THAT HIS MEN THEN JOINED FNLA IN ATTACKING MPLA. AT THE SAME TIME HE SAID THE MORTAR ROUND - WHICH KILLED TWO UNITA SOLDIERS - WAS AN ACCIDENT, NOT A PLANNED PROVOCATION.

2. MURPHY AND OTHERS REPORT CONTINUING MPLA-FNLA FIGHTING AT QUITEXE. REPORTEDLY INVOLVED THERE ARE APC'S. (THE PORTUGUESE G-2 HAS DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF THE APC'S IN A MANNER SUGGESTING AFFIRMATION INSTEAD.)  
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